

Serial No. 10/081,800
Docket No. NEC A337
Supplemental Amendment D under Rule 116

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed December 15, 2004 is noted.

While Applicants do not agree with the continued art rejection of claims 53-55, 58-60, 65-67, 70, 72, 74, 79, 80, 88, 91, 92, 94-98, 100 and 104-112, nevertheless, in order to ensure prompt issuance of the allowed claims, Applicants have cancelled the art rejected claims, and will be pursuing same in a continuation filing.

Applicants have cancelled the art rejected claims 51-53, 58-60, 65-67, 70, 72, 74, 79, 80, 88, 91, 92, 94-98, 100 and 104-112. Applicants also have cancelled non-elected claims 1-52 and 113-123. The remaining claims 56, 57, 61-64, 68, 69, 71, 72, 75-78, 81-87, 89, 90, 93, 99 and 101-103 indicated to be allowable over the art have been rewritten in independent form to the extent necessary. Accordingly, it is believed that all of the claims still pending in this application are now in order for allowance.

The foregoing amendment makes no claim changes as would require further search or consideration by the Examiner, but rather merely rewrites certain claims indicated to be allowable over the art in independent form. Accordingly, it is submitted that all of the claims remaining in this application are in condition for allowance.

Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$2,320.00 for the added independent claims and extension fees is enclosed.

No new issues have been raised by this amendment. No new search will be required by the Examiner. Accordingly, entry of the foregoing amendment, and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

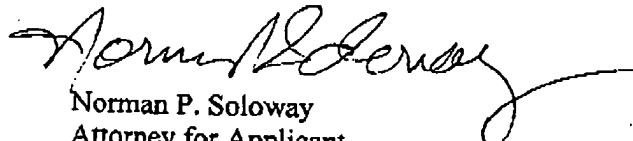
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